

Regulations Adopted for Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Grants

The adoption of regulations governing grants to local government units for detection and treatment of childhood lead-based paint poisoning was announced on May 5 by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Children are lead poisoned mostly as a result of eating chips of flaking paint in deteriorated housing.

The Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act of 1971 (P.L. 91-695) authorizes grants for two purposes: detection and treatment of poisoned children (title 1) and identification and elimination of sources of poisoning (title 2).

The regulations, published in the May 5 *Federal Register*, permit grants to communities for the detection of lead poisoning in children, emergency treatment of children with lead poisoning, and emergency elimination of lead from the home environment of victims of lead poisoning. The regulations also require that grant-funded projects include the detection and elimination of lead hazard in residential housing.

The regulations specify that grant-funded programs shall afford employment opportunities, with appropriate training and education, for residents of the neighborhoods affected by the problem.

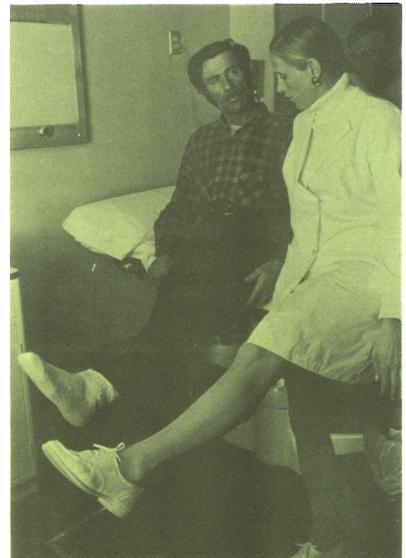
Most sections of the law are administered by HEW's Bureau of Community Environmental Management, Health Services and Mental Health Administration. The Department of Housing and Urban Development shares responsibility with HEW for research to determine the nature and extent of lead-based poisoning in the United States. The two agencies are also seeking methods by which such paint can be most effectively removed from residential housing.

Another section of P.L. 91-695 prohibits the use of lead-based paint in residential structures that are wholly or partially financed by the Federal Government, or with Federal assistance in any form. This is intended to insure that children will not be subjected to the lead poisoning hazard in deteriorated housing in the future.

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